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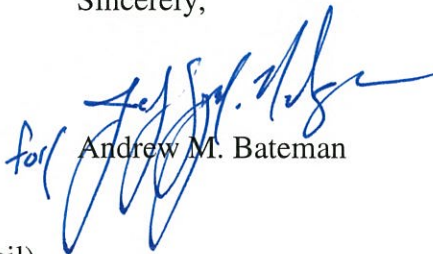
RE: Stephen and Beverly Noller and Michael and Nancy Halwig v. Daufuskie Island Utility Company, Inc.
Docket No. 2018-364-WS

Dear Mr. Stark:

The South Carolina Office of Regulatory Staff ("ORS") writes in response to the updates provided to the Hearing Officer by Counsel for Daufuskie Island Utility Company, Inc. ("DIUC") and Mr. and Mrs. Noller and Mr. and Mrs. Halwig ("Complainants"). On March 6, 2019, ORS informed the Public Service Commission of South Carolina ("Commission") that ORS does not take a position on whether the Commission has jurisdiction sufficient to adjudicate the matters at issue in this proceeding. ORS provided the Commission with direct testimony to detail the ORS interactions with the Complainants.

In their Response dated April 3, 2019, the Complainants request an opportunity to mediate two issues; however, DIUC requests the Commission make a determination on the jurisdictional issue. ORS offered informal mediation to the parties prior to direct testimony being filed. Neither party accepted ORS's offer for informal mediation. Should formal mediation be required by the Commission, ORS recommends an independent mediator be retained at the expense of the Complainants and DIUC.

Sincerely,


for Andrew M. Bateman

cc: All Parties of Record (via E-mail)
Joseph Melcher, Esquire (via E-mail)